

**REMARKS**

The Examiner is thanked for the careful examination of the application, and for the indication of allowable subject matter.

In order to expedite prosecution of the application, the rejected claims 8-12, 14, 16, and 17 have been canceled. Claims 13 and 15, the only claims pending in the application, have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

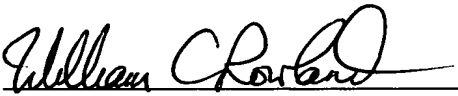
In view of the fact that there are no outstanding issues, the present application should now be in condition for allowance.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this Response, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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